

Andrew Jackson to Congress, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

1 Copy. Journal of the House of Representatives, Mar. 6, 1792, "A petition of Andrew Jackson was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his services as Attorney for the District of Mero, in the Territory South of the Ohio. *Ordered*, That the said petition be referred to the Attorney General, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House." Mar. 17, a letter from the Attorney General was laid before the House and tabled. Mar. 21, the matter was referred to a committee. Mar. 29, it rendered a report, which was tabled. See vol. I., pp. 6, 10, 20.

February, 1792(?).

To the Honourable, the Speaker and House of Representatives of the

United States of America in Congress assembled —

Your Memorialist whose name is subscribed humbly shews to your Honourable body that he was appointed by the Assembly of North Carolina, Attorney General for the District of Mero, now within the Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio, That he recieved his Stipend from the said State, for the year one thousand Seven hundred and eighty nine as a full compensation for his Services as Attorney General that year. Your Memorialist further shews, that after the United States had assumed the Sovereignty of the said District, he had the honour to receive the same appointment from His Excellency William Blount Esq. Governor of the said Territory. That when he accepted of the Commission, under the authority of the United States, he flattered himself that he should receive the same salary from the Federal Government that he had formerly done from the State of North Carolina, as your Memorialist humbly conceived that, by the Conditions of the Cession of the Said Territory, the operation and injoyment of

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every Law of North Carolina, compatable with the change of Government, was secured to the Inhabitants of the Territory. Under that impression, and an Idea that Congress when considering of the great importance of the regular and punctual discharge of the duties of that office to Society, would make an appropriation of public money for my use, equivalent to my Salary under the State of North Carolina, I have continued to perform the functions of that office from the commencement of your Government and deprived of [e]very advantage, I might otherwise receive by appearing for delinquents in the Courts of the said District, and without receiving any kind of recompense from Government. I have herewith transmitted to your Honourable body authentic documents relative to the existence of the Law and my Commission under the present Government. With the most perfect confidence that your hon'able House will pay that attention to the object of this Memorial which it deserves

And with the highest sentim'ts of resp't and consid'ton I am Your Mo. Obt.